

**Testimony before the Labor and Public Employees Committee
HB 5237 An Act Concerning Fair Chance Employment
Janet Auster
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Good afternoon Senator and Representative and member of the committee

My name is Janet Auster and I am a registered voter in the City of Hartford.

I am testifying on HB 5237, **An Act Concerning Fair Chance Employment.**

I am glad to be here today and feel blessed to let you know that I don't believe in checking the box.

We of all people, the consumer and advocates for people with disabilities, can't just stop and say there is nothing we can do--we are crippled from the past. The key word here is individual! Each individual should be helped in the manner that is beneficial to him/her in his/her environment. Please don't let our voices and visions for a better world where everyone is an equal, be stopped. Vote NO on the box.

I say it again! The key word to this whole speech is the INDIVIDUAL and all of us as individuals had a past that changed into honest journeys of missions of honor, generosity and truth. Please vote NO on the box.

Thank you.